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SEEKING WHAT?

This is the time of year, more than at any other time, when we hear the plaintive cry of teenagers.

"What can we do...?"

"Where can we go...?"

"There's nothing to do..."

Sometimes they "hang out" in groups in public parks and on streets and make nuisances of themselves making loud noise, littering the area and sometimes threatening older people who live in the area.

There is something teenagers can do. We can make some suggestions! Go home! Paint the woodwork. Mow the lawn. Wash the car. Scrub some floors. Shampoo the rugs. Get a job.

If you feel they are not interested in these suggestions, how about helping the priest or clean up around the church? Learn the church services so that you can sing the responses. Visit the sick. Assist kitchens which feed the less fortunate. Help the Salvation Army in their stores. Write letters to relatives. Study something new. And when you are through with this — and if still not too tired — read a book.

Teenagers note. Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your town or city does not owe you recreational facilities or social clubs. The world does not owe you a living. The parish does not owe you special programs.

You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and your talent to make this a better place in which to live and to start helping those who are in poverty, or sick or lonely or in need of your help.

In plain simple words: Grow up. Quit being a cry baby. Stop blaming everyone else and take control of your life. Get out of the dream world and start acting like young men and ladies not overgrown kids. The Bible and teachings of Christ are meant for you not only the "greyheads" which too many of you do not respect. Find the Bible you were given by the church members when you graduated and read Matthew 25:35-40. It applies to you.

Instead of the star-spangled heavens,
we look on the dust at our feet;
We drain out the cup that is bitter,
forgetting the one that is sweet.

FREEDOM

Most of us appreciate the freedom we possess. Perhaps we don't appreciate it as much as we should because we've never known what it's like to be without it; but we appreciate it anyhow.

The unhappy existence millions of people the world over are forced to endure because they live under repressive regimes is disheartening. Not being able to choose their own vocation, to own their own property, to take charge of their own lives, to shape their own destinies, or even speak their own minds must be painfully endured.

Our country is not teetering on the brink of totalitarianism. There is a moral decadence sweeping over us, however, which could signal the beginning of our end. The spirit of permissiveness and self-indulgence that's spreading through Western society presents a far greater threat to freedom than any enemy from without.

The one thing which needs to be understood about democracy is it can survive only as long as it's supported by good and honest laws and good and honest people. Every society in history which lost its ability to govern its own passions soon lost its freedom also.

Democracy, as we know it, was founded upon a solid set of moral and spiritual values. In the early days of our country we clearly understood that God was the One from whom our liberties were derived and the One on whom they depended. As a people we were responsible to Him and to our leaders, while our leaders were responsible to Him and to us. The moral and spiritual foundations on which our freedom rests are rapidly being worn away.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn warned us of this danger: "You have forgotten the meaning of liberty," he said. "When you

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DEAL WITH LONELINESS

We can deal with our loneliness by helping others. This is almost a cliche and yet it is sound. People who suffer most from their own loneliness are people who are least willing to do things for others. This is something more than just keeping busy. There are various organizations which provide helpful service through which one can work. But one thing which you can do without being connected with any organization is to learn to be a good listener. Be willing to listen to the trials and joys of others.

It is fairly easy to find someone to whom to tell our troubles but it is not easy to find one with whom we can share our joys. This is especially true now when families are scattered. When a person has accomplished something or has had some pleasant experience in life and wishes to tell you about it, be a good listener. You will help that person and you will help yourself with your own problem of loneliness.

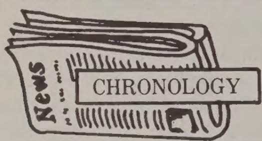
Use your experiences of loneliness constructively. In times of loneliness, examine your life. Don't pick it apart but ask some basic questions. Do you have some program for your life? Or are you just existing from day to day? All of us should do such serious thinking from time to time, but too many of us refuse to face these issues. Let your loneliness provide an opportunity for constructive thinking.

Accept loneliness as a normal ingredient in life. It is true that there are some lives flooded by loneliness while others experience it only occasionally. But loneliness is something we all face and one bit of advice is not to fight it too hard because it only reinforces our thinking about it. The fight only increases the power of the devil as we dwell on our condition. We need to take some things in our stride.

There is comfort and strength to be gained by remembering that God in Christ understands our loneliness. What a lonely experience Christ had the night

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THE EIGHTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE of the Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology and Religion will take place Nov. 3-7 in Boston. Bishop Kallistas will deliver the keynote address. For info: OCAMPR, P.O. Box 958, Cambridge, MA 02238 or call 617-868-6557.

THREE EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALISTS have prepared a booklet in response to requests from many Orthodox priests on how to overcome losing their voices during the strenuous Lenten and Easter/Pascha period. The booklet, "Vocal Abuse in the Orthodox Priest; How to Protect Your Voice During Lent and Easter". Write: Musician Forum, 8 East 79th Street, New York, NY 10021.

ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN UNIVERSITY has been established in Moscow. It is the first church sponsored university in Russia's history. Teaching staff comes in part from Moscow University. It is being financed by private donations and the new Orthodox bank.

THE ORTHODOX BANK, founded by the Moscow Patriarchate and the Green Egnatia Bank, intends to open 100 branches in Moscow, St. Petersburg and the Black Sea region by 1996. The startup capital of $30 million was provided by Greek, Cypriot and American interests. It is hoped that money will be generated to rebuild churches and to create religious programs. The "Wall Street Journal" carried an article concerning this on Feb. 24.

ARAB ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS were prevented from entering Jerusalem for the Pascha/Easter services. Two Orthodox priests then led some worshippers in prayer at a checkpoint separating the West Bank from Jerusalem.

THE 1993 COLLEGE CONFERENCE will be held at Antiochian Village in Ligonier, Pa. from July 15-20. Cost $95 for 5 nights lodging, 14 meals, seminars and social activities. Call (312) 587-9539.

BISHOPS OF SCOBA meeting in the spring reaffirmed their support for the International Orthodox Christian Charities and stated that over one million dollars has been raised so far to aid in its work. Heard reports on the various ecumenical dialogues. Discussed the initial translation of a common English translation of the Divine Liturgy which has been given to scholars and priests for review and critique. They appointed a task force to deal with problems relating to clergy sexual misconduct and child sexual abuse. They called for a meeting of the deans of Orthodox theological seminaries to discuss a common curriculum.

THERE IS A HIGH AND POSITIVE CORRELATION between church attendance and participation in church activities and extraordinary achievement patterns among high school students. According to an article in **The Wilmington News Journal** "these kids have been taught higher values outside of school not the least among them are the values of responsibility and leadership. They just tend to pull away from the pack."

THE TRANSFER OF PRIESTS was discussed at the Greek Archidocese Congress held last July. The Christian Orthodox Christian Laity urged prompt action on the resolution which reads: "Any priest transferred from a parish without receiving an 'acceptable reassignment' shall be paid his salary and benefits from the Archdiocese until receiving a reassignment except when 'unreasonably' refusing to accept a reassignment." This unfortunate situation exists in most jurisdictions where priests may be removed from a parish and not assigned to another for several months or years or where a priest is reassigned to a parish which cannot pay or will not pay a "living" salary.

AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS IN MANY FIELDS are needed to help in Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States. Helping for two months to two year periods: Housing, local transportation and translation services are provided. A Clearing House, which maintains a volunteer registry and resource lists, will help volunteers in their quest to help. Contact CDC, 2021 K Street, NW, Suite 215, Washington, DC 20006.

HOLLYWOOD HAS DECLARED WAR on traditional Christian values. It regularly portrays believers as fools or even worse as villains according to a book by Michael Medved "Hollywood vs. America."

MOST OF THE SUNDAY GOSPEL READINGS are taken from St. Matthew. Two new books have been published on this gospel. **The Illuminated Gospel of St. Matthew** contains 35 full-color cover icons illustrating the Gospel and the text is in original calligraphy. Send $52 to Oakwood Publications, 3827 Bluff St., Torrance, CA 90505-6359. **The Explanation by Blessed Theophylact** of the Gospel of Matthew is available for $14 from Chrysostom Press, P.O. Box 536, House Springs, MO 63051.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS for small parishes and home schooling are available from the Orthodox Christian Education Commission. For info or catalog write Dr. John Boojamra, 4 Evergreen Pl., Demarest, NJ 07627.

ICONS IN ALBANIA are being confiscated by the government and being stored in locked rooms. The reason given is that as churches are being returned to the people the guards are being removed and many icons are being stolen. The church wishes them to be returned as they "are a living tradition of the believers, and not only do they belong to the people, they belong to the church."

PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING will be given to candidates to the Seminary at Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Seminary and to candidates for ordination to the priesthood in the Greek Archdiocese. The OCAMPR, P.O. Box 958, Cambridge, MA 02238 or call (617) 868-6557, is looking for professionals to establish a network for this testing.

•Freedom

acquired liberty ... it was a sacred notion that you have forgotten... Time has eroded your notion of liberty. You kept the word but fabricated another notion — liberty without obligation."

The men who signed the Declaration of Independence had security but they valued freedom more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They paid the price so that we could have freedom. Moral and spiritual values guided them.

A CURE FOR FEAR

Many of us have a fear of something. Sometimes we let it interfere with our life; other times we are able to push it into the recesses of our minds only to have it peek out now and then. What are we to do if it overcomes us? The answer can be found in Psalm 34:4. "I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."

A cure for fear that will absolutely work is to get close to God in your thoughts. He is the only certain, unchanging factor in the world. He will never let you down nor forget you.

If you are plagued by fear, do what the Psalmist tells you: "Seek the Lord."

This may be done by spending fifteen minutes every day just thinking about God. You can split this up into five-minute periods, but never let a day pass without spending the fifteen minutes thinking about God.

Each day make the following statement: "I SURRENDER MYSELF AND ALL MY PROBLEMS, MY LOVED ONES, MY FUTURE INTO THE HANDS OF GOD AND I TRUST HIM."

Three times every day thank God for all His goodness. Soon your life will be filled with God, and emptied of apprehensions.

CHUCKLE

The teacher asked her second graders if they knew the last line to "The Star Spangled Banner." Timmy raised his hand and proudly answered: "And the home of the brave. Play ball!"

•Deal

He was betrayed. He asked some of His disciples to stand watch and they fell asleep! For the most part He died alone. With the exception of a few — all of His disciples had fled!

If you know loneliness, don't flee from someone who is lonely. Help them and you will help yourself.

Maturity is a must in our spiritual life, but it is not devoid of dangers. The danger is that we may get a feeling that we have arrived and that we can stop growing. A Christian never stops growing.

MISSION FUND

We have been receiving many requests from Eastern Europe for copies of "The Herald". We try to fill these requests. Copies also go to places in this country where the Orthodox religion is not known or where it can help. Thank you: Paul Stuchlak, Angelyn Mitchell, Sonia Knapp, Dorothy Laskovich, Ethel Watlock, Anna Borovoy, Eugenia Kribales, Paul Laskovich and others.

SCRIPTURE INTERWOVEN

In the Orthodox Church we are often portrayed as not emphasizing the Scriptures. Sometimes the Orthodox themselves will say that they have not studied the Bible and admit to not knowing much about it beyond what they may have learned as children in "Sunday School." But when they hear Bible verses quoted they seem so familiar to them. Why?

The reason why these verses seem familiar is that they have heard them so many times in the divine services of the Church. They may not know them by book, chapter and verse but they can complete them when one of their friends start the quote. Bible quotes were interwoven into most of the prayers and hymns of the church.

For example: "Praise ye the name of the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest." This is the communion prayer which is taken from Psalm 148:1.

Then there are the familiar words: "Bless the Lord, O my soul..." This is sung at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy is Psalm 102. So many more examples can be given.

The Orthodox do know Scripture and can quote verses — they cannot identify them by Book, chapter and verse. Living these teachings is important.

QUIT WHINING

We whine when we are not sure that we'll get what we ask for, but we try anyway. We whine, as children will for candy between meals or for another stop at McDonald's. In most houses we don't have to whine for a clean shirt or for a bowl of cereal in the morning. We just ask, because we know we'll get them.

Nothing gets on a parent's nerves more than a child whining. We hear them say so often: "Quit whining." Part of the relationship with God, Our Father, is that we do not have to whine when we pray to Him, for we know of His love. Still we make a problem of praying. We ask: "Does God hear my prayer?" That is a wrong question.

The better question is: "Do I whine, or do I pray? Do I ask for what I know I don't need, or for what I really need?"

When we pray we may be sure that God not only hears but is answering our prayers in some way. Perhaps we do not see it at the time but we will later. Perhaps we do not get exactly what we want when we want it, but we pray: "Thy will be done." This means we want God's will done and not necessarily ours.

The Bible in 1 Thes 5:17 urges is to "pray without ceasing" and in 1 John 5:14 we are reminded that we do not have to whine. "And this is the confidence which we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will he hears us."

AN OLD PASTOR SEZ (Updated)

You can't buy much with a dollar these days. You can hardly buy a cup of coffee, a candy bar is almost half that, and soda is 75 cents. In fact the only time a dollar is considered big money is when it's dropped in the offering.

Folks would rather have a bake sale or flea market or make perohi for the church instead of giving their fair share.

We give the government more out of our money than we do the Lord. Think the Lord feels cheated?

Can you imagine if the church posted how much everyone gave on a bulletin board. Would you be embarrassed, especially if they also listed what your income is?

One pastor figures, that based on the offerings, most of his parishioners must be on welfare!

So who loses when the people don't give to the church? If you think about it the people do!

Dabs of Thoughts

Your parish church really becomes a home away from home. It is the most sacred spot on earth outside your own home. Even after your home no longer exists, the parish church becomes a spot so hallowed that people travel back to it just to kneel down and pray the prayers of their youth, even though it means a trip of hundreds of miles. Be sure to develop loyalty to the church that is serving you.

From the very beginning of Christianity, the Fathers of the Church condemned abortion and infanticide. Writings from as early as the first century state the prohibition very emphatically and clearly.

Prepare and prevent, rather than repair and repent.

Orthodox Christians cannot marry non-Christians in the church. This also applies to atheists. How can the name of the Blessed Lord be prayed over a person who does not accept the Divinity of Christ?

In the Orthodox Church only one priest is ordained at a Divine Liturgy. This can be traced back to the Rite of Hippolytus which is the model for study. Its ordination rite has, as a central feature, a long prayer of petition to the Holy Spirit, and inserted in this prayer, a petition that the Servant of God might receive from the Holy Spirit the grace to perform the function of priesthood.

We find two St. Valentines on the Church Calendar this month. One is commemorated on July 6, the other on July 30. There is also a St. Valentine Day on April 24 but none on the St. Valentine Day according to the civil calendar in February.

There is a difference between an Apostle and a Disciple of Christ. The Apostle is one who is definitely commissioned and sent, and there are twelve of these. The Disciple is one who learns, a pupil. The company of disciples includes the large groups who came to hear Jesus preach and teach.

The two most important people in the Book of Acts are St. Peter and St. Paul. The Book tells of the early missionary work of the Church.

ETHNIC CHUCKLE

Dorohaya Tyota Maria,

Ya barz upset. Yesterday, ya peshla to play bingo with my next door neighbor. Bingo yeh game shto me playuyem to u Ameriki. Ya dumala shto bingo tho bude fun. Noh ya learnin zhe tho ne game lem tho serious business.

Me tam sedele kolo stola three hodini. Klalee beans, no numbers na takee boards. Ya bulla taka tired. Ya hotchila talkovate. Ya whisperovala do neighbora sitting kolo mene a shitki zhe bulli kolo mene kasale — quiet (teho). Oni bulli taki mad na mene zhe ya talking. Yak ya mozhu sit three hours a nhe hovorete (balakafi)?

A tote beans zhe ohne dali me hrathe tot game. Ya dumala zhe ohne bulli moye boh ya zaplatela tolyara za ticket. Yak bingo skinchillsya ya putting them u moy pocketbook. Ya vedela zhe druhe neh brahli their beans, toh yah putting theirs in my pocketbook thish. Ya duman zhe ya lubly soup s fasolyu i mozhe making for me husband. Mozhe druhe neh lubyat tot soup e ne hotchili brati beans.

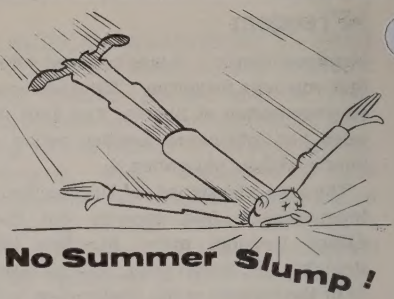
Me ishli ot hallye. Ya mushila open my pocketbook bo treba nayte me hankerchief. Shitki beans palle na flor. Tot chelovek zhe running game pheshol do mene e kasye: "Lady, you leave the beans here." Shitke ludi, pozerale na mene. Ya povila yemu zhe ya dumala zhe beans preshli with ticket. A ohn me povil. "You expect me to believe that lady with the price of beans today."

Ya tak zahaimbilasya, my next door neighbor, ohna running het ot mene. Ya hope zhe ya mohla fall do yamee. Ya dala cheloveku totu fasolyu i sneakovala ot hallye. Ya dumam zhe bingo games nhe dlya mene.

Bulte zdrove
Spill the beans,
Hanya.

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Wouldn't every priest be happy if he could report the above words "No summer slump!" concerning attendance at the church services?

Unfortunately this is not true. So much has changed in our lives during the summer since the introduction of air conditioning. We don't seem to pause even during this time of year in anything but church attendance. Churches have evaluated the situation, are concerned about the summer slump, have installed air conditioning in the church buildings. But not attending church services during the summer remains a problem. For the most part the air conditioning of churches has not helped the habit of taking it easy on Sunday morning — the only time given to acknowledge the lazy, hazy days of summer.

THE WHOLE THING

We hear the first four lines of the "Serenity Prayer" quoted with great frequency. These four lines are used at many meetings of therapy groups. These lines are only the beginning of a beautiful prayer. We share the whole prayer with you.

SERENITY PRAYER

God, grant me the
Serenity to accept the things
I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can; and
Wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship
As the pathway to peace.
Taking, as He did,
This sinful world as it is
not as I would have it.
Trusting that He will make
all things right
If I surrender to His will.
That I may be reasonably happy
in this life,
And supremely happy
With Him forever in the next.



EDITORS' NOTES

The 200th anniversary of Orthodoxy in America in 1994 deserves more than a place in a scrapbook of history. This celebration should bring all Orthodox jurisdictions into a **coalition** to become a multiplier of Orthodox influence in America. It will take the combined effort of each jurisdiction to prevent continued national indifference to our Orthodox Church.

We are overlooked, ignored and abandoned because our people are silent. No one muzzles us. We choose not to speak. As Pogo in a famous comic strip once said: "We met the enemy and he is us."

As anyone who keeps up with current events knows, decision makers in the U.S. respond to "clout" even by groups much smaller than the Orthodox.

It seems that every jurisdiction in the U.S. has a public relation person and/or a press writer. But it appears that many are PRing only to their own jurisdictions. It is impossible to find anything on Orthodoxy in any general public media.

Look what the Jewish people are able to accomplish by a **coalition**. They may not be of the same branch of the Jewish religion but they have a purpose and they pursue the goal. Other groups have formed **coalition**, although they may not agree in everything. Look at the homosexuals, animal rights groups, environmentalists. We could go on and on.

Our first project should be to write to our congressmen and the Postal Dept. and request a stamp commemorating this event. The Congress of Russian Americans, 1511 K Str., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20005 can help you since they are working on this STAMP project. Later a stamp to honor Fr. Alexis Toth should be on the agenda. If Fr. Flanagan of Boys Town can have a stamp why not Fr. Alexis Toth? He is the hero of our faith here in America bringing his Carpatho-Rus children into the Orthodox faith in 1891.

The 200th year anniversary must not be an effort of the Orthodox Church in America alone. Most of the jurisdictions, even those of different national groups at one time, were a part of this seminal Orthodox Church.

We must go beyond our present efforts and reach out to others so that we "don't drop the ball" which the missionaries threw in 1794 and 1891 and which we should throw to those in 2093.

Fr. Stroyen, Ph.D.

SS PETER AND PAUL

The Church tells us at Vespers on June 29/July 11: "Let us exalt Peter and Paul, those two great lights of the Church, for they shine in the firmament of the faith."

Have you ever wondered why these two great saints are remembered on a common date? The readings on their day show how their ministries are both necessary and complimentary. The Gospel reading Matthew 16:13-19 concerns St. Peter, while the Epistle reading 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 concerns St. Paul.

The feasts of these two apostles have been combined into one because of the very ancient tradition according to which they were both martyred in Rome, on the same day. Peter's execution would have taken place near the Vatican Hill, and Paul's on the Via Ostiensis, during Nero's persecutions about the year 68.

There is no precise information about either St. Peter or St. Paul's activities after the period covered by the Book of Acts. This ends with the arrival of St. Paul in Rome where he was to be judged. We do not know where St. Peter was at this time. The stay and the death in Rome of the two apostles is not a question of dogma, but of history. All the same, the literary documents and the typographical traditions concerning the apostolate and martyrdom of the apostles in Rome are old enough and important enough for us to attach a considerable weight of probability to the constant opinion of the Church on this subject.

There is a strict Spiritual link between this feast of the SS Peter and Paul and the Pentecost for their witness in the immediate fruit of the Holy Spirit in them.

The Church wants to associate all the other apostles in the homage which she pays to these two apostles so the day after their feast is dedicated to the collective commemoration of the twelve. As is said in the kondak for the day: "In commemorating their memory today, we glorify Him who glorified them."

•Kitchen Corner

sistency of coarse sand. Add the beaten egg yolk and mix. Add ice water, one tablespoon at a time to make a dough which "cleans" the sides of the bowl. Gently form into a ball and chill for 1 hour. Roll out between pieces of wax paper to fit a 10 inch tart or flan pan. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 10 minutes or until lightly colored.

Filling: Peel, core and cut 3 cups of apples into slices 1/8 inch thick. Put the apples in a bowl and sprinkle with the lemon juice and 3 tablespoons of sugar. Peel, core and cut the remaining apples into pieces. Place in a saucepan with the apricot preserves, cognac, sugar, butter, and rind. Cover and cook over low heat for about 25 minutes or until thick enough to mound. Beat to a smooth consistency. Cool to lukewarm and carefully spoon into the baked pie shell. Arrange the apple slices in an overlapping ring around the edge of the pie. Arrange the remaining slices to cover the entire surface. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for about 30 minutes or until the apple slices are slightly browned around the edges.

Heat and strain the apricot preserves. Add the cognac and stir. Spoon over the entire top of the tart to glaze.

NOTE: If you do not have a flan or tart pan, line a round 10 inch pie or cake pan with aluminum foil with about 2 inches extending above the top, so that you can remove the tart from the pan.

Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I together cannot handle.

Find relatives in Europe or get information on your forefathers to complete your family tree. Both U.S. and Eastern European records can be searched. Write to Lawrence Krupnak at 1711 Corwin Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20910 for details. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

ALASKA FUND

Plans are going ahead for the 200th year since Orthodoxy was introduced on the Western continent when missionaries from Russia established churches in Alaska. We continue to send **The Orthodox Herald** since 1952 to Alaska with the help of "Missionaries-in-abstensia." Helping this month are: Dorothy Laskovich, Sonia Knapp, Paul Laskovich, Eugenia Kribales, Angelyn Mitchell, Anonymous (6), Paul Stuchlak, Ethel Watlock and Eleanor Gulen in memory of her sister Anastasia Shyka.



Do you remember when most men carried a small knife in their pocket? It was handy to cut a piece of string, sharpen a pencil or cut a willow branch and make a whistle for a child. Every boy wished for a pair of hightops which had a case attached to the side of one boot which contained a small jackknife. The perfect thing to play with for hours in the warm days of summer. Now, unfortunately, children carry knives for protection or destruction.

I saw a small pocketknife in the store the other day which had a fine bone handle. It reminded me of my father and all the things he made for me with a knife much like that one. He loved apples and whenever a child wanted one but did not like the peel — he would pull out his knife and remove the peel without breaking it going round and round making a spiral of peel. The child ate the apple and enjoyed playing with the peel which was all of one thickness.

This month, you can peel your apples in the regular manner or try my father's method but do try this Apple Tart.

Apple Tart

Crust:
1⅔ cups sifted flour
⅓ cup finely ground almonds
¼ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
⅔ cup shortening
1 egg yolk, beaten
ice water

Filling:
4 lbs. apples
1 teaspoon lemon juice
3 tablespoons sugar
½ cup apricot preserves
¼ cup cognac
⅔ cup sugar
3 tablespoons butter
grated rind of 1 orange

Glaze:
½ cup apricot preserves
a teaspoon cognac

Crust: Combine the flour, ground almonds, sugar, and salt. With a pastry blender cut in the shortening to the con-

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3. 6:11-17
4. **6:18-23 - Sunday**
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6. 12:14-16, 22-30
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9. 16:1-16
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26. 1 Cor 9:13-18
27. 2 Tim 2:1-10
28. 1 Cor 1:12-22
29. 10:28-11:7
30. 11:8-22
31. 13:1-10

BIBLE STUDY

It is a common belief among many today that no matter how hard we pray, how many times we attend church and how well we conduct our lives, God may not really be present at all ... that twentieth century man has been able to dispel so many myths and superstitions that the concept of God might just be outdated ... a thing of the past. Most people don't verbalize this belief, but their worship of God is lukewarm.

If we don't feel God's presence, we may suspect that the God of the Old and New Testaments who made Himself known to Moses, Jacob, the prophets and many saints is either not speaking to contemporary man or is not really a fact after all.

Maybe the reason we do not seem to find God's presence is that we have not learned to look for Him.

If we have been taught that we will find God only in church or that He will only listen to the priests' prayers then maybe this is why we lose hope when God seems to be silent, and absent from us rather than present.

The testimonies of the ancient Hebrews and the Apostles of the early church as well as many Saints tell us that God did in fact make Himself known to them, but always at the most unobvious and often inconvenient times.

Moses experienced God while leading the wandering Jews, scared and tired, through the wilderness; Jacob found God, and even wrestles with Him while his angry brother, Esau, who he had cheated out of his birthright, was in hot pursuit of him. The disciples discovered God's real presence only after the awful death of His Son on the Cross. The Resurrection is the visible evidence of God's presence, but the Twelve had to experience the absence in Holy Friday to really know Pascha/Easter.

And the Apostle Paul — he experienced shipwreck, imprisonment and disappointment, yet he wrote that faith was the expectation of things not seen. In Corinthians 1:13 he said: "Now we see thru a glass darkly, but then face to face."

As Christians, we need church and worship to equip us for the tests of faith waiting on the absence of God. Because we are human, because we are alive, we will, and do, need the Good News of love and forgiveness that God freely gives. Perhaps we also need to consider that we will not always feel His presence, when we obviously expect we will!

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